United States District Court Western District of Texas Del Rio Division

STATE OF TEXAS

Plaintiff,

v.

ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, in his official capacity as Secretary of Department of Homeland Security; United States Department of Homeland Security; Merrick Garland, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the United States, United States Department of Justice,

No. 2:23-cv-00024

Defendants.

DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF APPEAL OF FINAL ORDER

Defendant the State of Texas ("Texas"), by and through the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, appeals this Court's Order entered on August 5, 2024, to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. See Amended Order granting Motion to Dismiss, ECF No. 48. That Order granted the Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint filed by Alejandro Mayorkas, in his official capacity; U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Merrick Garland, in his official capacity; and U.S Department of Justice (collectively, the "Defendants). See Amended Order granting Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, ECF No. 48; see also Defendants' Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint, ECF No. 34.

The order granting dismissal is appealable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1291.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) on September 3, 2024, and that all counsel of record were served by CM/ECF.

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